

GIBSON USES TAXI IN RUNAWAY MATCH

Mrs. Pratt Becomes Bride of Playwright Despite Refusal by Parson.

HER PARENTS OBJECTED

Couple Dash to Greenwich, Where They Are Wedded by Judge.

Mrs. Beatrice Rogers Benjamin Pratt, granddaughter of the late Henry H. Rogers, and Preston Gibson, playwright and American ambulance driver in France, ran away in a taxi cab to Greenwich, Conn., yesterday and got married. After calling at the home of one clergyman, to find him out, and being refused by another because they had neglected to get a marriage license, they went to the Probate Court at the Greenwich Town Building, where the ceremony was performed by Judge J. H. Pratt, the Probate Judge and a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. and Mrs. William Evans Benjamin, the bride's parents, live at the Hotel Plaza and have publicly objected to the marriage, the likelihood of which was announced earlier in the week. Their daughter obtained a divorce from her first husband, Lieut. Alexander Dallas Baché Pratt, at Newport last June on grounds of non-support and desertion. She has been living at the Hotel Devon, 70 West Fifty-fifth street, with her two children.

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock a taxi cab chugged up to the door of the quiet hostelry, and Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Gibson stepped quickly from the sidewalk and entered it. With them were Mr. Gibson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gibson, of Washington, D. C. The party started for Greenwich at once.

Upon arriving there they drove to the residence of the Rev. W. Bradford Marshall, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, who was not at home. Then they called on the Rev. Minor Howard of the Diamond Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, who was not at home. Then they called on the Rev. J. H. Pratt, who was not at home. Then they called on the Rev. J. H. Pratt, who was not at home. Then they called on the Rev. J. H. Pratt, who was not at home.

OLD RECORD BOBS UP ON DAMAGE CLAIMANT

Man Seeking \$15,000 Had Been Interested in 2,000 Cases

Emanuel Colucci of 426 East 118th street was on the witness stand yesterday before Justice Van Sice in the Queens County Supreme Court in the case of Colucci vs. Interborough Rapid Transit Company, when he sought \$15,000 damages against the company for injuries sustained by him in a fall from a train at Third Avenue and 123rd street on August 19, 1918.

"Has he ever been interested in other accident cases?" asked the attorney for the Interborough.

"Yes," replied Colucci. "I had two other cases for \$2,000," said Colucci.

Under questioning Colucci admitted that he had served five years in the Federal Prison in Atlanta for perjury, five years in Erie penitentiary for counterfeiting, and that he had twice been found guilty of making false affidavits in naturalization cases.

Justice Van Sice directed the jury to return a sealed verdict, and also instructed the attorneys for the Interborough to make further evidence in the case. Colucci, his record and his witnesses. The attorneys for Colucci were Speiser & Speiser of New York.

CHURCHES WILL HELP FIND DANSEY BOY

Appeals and Prayers Will Be Spread Over Country.

None of the many clues investigated yesterday by the persons who are searching for Billy Dansey, who was kidnapped ten days ago from his home in Hampton, N. J., resulted in the discovery of any information as to his whereabouts. One of the stories told the police, that a woman named Dansey had seen a woman speak to the child on the street, and that she might try to run away with the boy.

Members of the congregations of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Hampton have begun the preparation of an appeal to the kidnappers which they will try to have printed in newspapers in various parts of the country. The appeal says that the boy's mother loved him and appeals to the kidnappers' better instincts, if such there be, and says that God will bless the kidnapper if he will bring the Dansey boy home.

The appeal also says that the appeal agrees also to pay several times a day for the return of the child.

MRS. PHILIP LYDIG GETS FULL DIVORCE

Decree for Incompatibility Is Granted by French Court.

A final decree of divorce was granted to Mrs. Philip Lydig, who sailed for Paris June 23, a month ago in that city, according to a report received yesterday. Major Lydig is now in Paris. It was stated, George Gordon Battle, attorney for Mrs. Lydig, said so far as he knew there was no plea for reconciliation. The suit was based on incompatibility, which is legal ground in the French courts for absolute divorce. Mrs. Lydig was granted the same going to France sooner by war restrictions in the issuance of passports.

Mrs. Lydig was formerly Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes, and had the custody of their son, W. E. D. Stokes, Jr. The son later returned to his father and is now a naval lieutenant. Mrs. Lydig was a member of the Mayor's committee and was recently interested in the drug addict reform.

MRS. EBBETS SEEKS SECRECY IN DIVORCE

Counsel Asks That Papers in Action Be Sealed.

After filing an application asking for confirmation of the referee's report recommending that a decree of absolute divorce be granted to Mrs. Minnie F. A. Ebbets, wife of Charles H. Ebbets, head of the Brooklyn National League Baseball Club, A. J. Westermeyer, counsel for Mrs. Ebbets, announced yesterday that he was asking to have the papers in the case sealed. It is understood that Ebbets will give his wife \$10,000 in lieu of claims for support.

Mrs. Anna Ebbets, testifying before the referee, William H. Ford, is said to have stated that she went to her father and asked him to give up another woman, named as Mrs. Grace Blaine Nott, and that her father told her "to mind her own business." On another occasion, she testified, Ebbets put her out of the grand stand at Ebbets Field after she herself had put Mrs. Nott out of the stand. The name of Mrs. Nott was mentioned to Justice Benedict yesterday in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Ebbets lives in 123 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn.

MAN HELD AS BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT

Rookie Policeman Here Gets Credit for Capture.

Manhattan police have made the first arrest in the search for the seven bandits who held up the First National Bank of Roselle, N. J. Frank Grecco of 331 East Thirty-first street was captured at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon only a few hours after the robbery by William R. Cunningham, a rookie of the police training school, who was not officially to be a patrolman until yesterday morning.

Cunningham was the winner of the highest prizes at the graduation exercises of the rookie class at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory Thursday night, but few of his classmates knew of his achievement with the suspected gunman. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning he became a full-fledged patrolman, and he is credited with the arrest.

He was attracted by what he thought were the suspicious actions of Grecco as the man walked through Nineteenth street near Second Avenue. He arrested him, but Grecco broke away. After a short chase Cunningham caught him again and this time took him to the station. Grecco was taken to Yorkville Court where he was held in \$5,000 bail for felonious assault and \$500 for carrying a revolver.

Attempts to connect the man with the Roselle robbery failed last night because Warden Mallon of Yorkville jail could not be found. Miss Margaret Carpenter, the bank employee who frightened the robbers away, was brought against her wish from New Jersey to identify the man. She is suffering nervously from the effects of her thrilling experience.

The girl reached the jail at 9 o'clock and waited until 11 while the detectives tried to find somebody who knew where the warden was. Without Warden Mallon's permission the trustees refused to let the detectives examine the prisoner. At 11, after a telephone and door search that practically covered Manhattan and The Bronx, the detectives were still unable to find the warden, and the girl was permitted to go home. She will come back to-day if the warden appears.

Miss Carpenter said she was not certain she would be able to identify any of the robbers, who were tall and dark, and of slight build and who wore derby. The bank officials still declined to give out the exact amount stolen, but it is believed to be about \$2,500.

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SALE OF SECURITIES IN BANKS PLANNED

Wildcat Speculation.

The Savings Banks Association of New York has appointed a special committee to consider the feasibility of selling high grade securities over the counters of savings banks as a means of discouraging wildcat speculation and promoting the use of the savings banks.

A meeting yesterday of Group Four of the association, comprising the New York City members of the association, it was declared that the committee was to be a committee of the Municipal Board of Real Estate Brokers, and in the afternoon the delegates themselves over to the City of New York. They were taken to the City of New York by a special train, and were met at the City of New York by a special train, and were met at the City of New York by a special train.

SWANN SEEKS WRIT IN EXPENSE FIGHT

Wants Reimbursement for Money Spent in Defence.

District Attorney Swann made application yesterday before Justice Gavagan in the Second district, for a writ of mandamus compelling Comptroller Charles L. Craig to certify to expenses incurred by the District Attorney two years ago in defending himself in charges brought before the then Governor, Charles S. Whitman. Reimbursement for the amount expended is sought and payment has been refused by the Comptroller.

Accompanying the petition is an itemized bill of the expenditures and an affidavit by the District Attorney that the charges were incurred in the defense of the account was approved by Lamar Hardy, who was Corporation Counsel at the time the charges were made. George L. Ingershaw, now appointed commissioner to take testimony and report to the Governor. After a number of hearings the commissioner forwarded his report and the charges were dismissed. Following are the items for which Mr. Swann seeks payment: John B. Stanchfield, counsel fees, \$12,000; Val O'Reilly, stenographer, \$7,500; and Clarence S. Killoren, stenographer, \$2,500.

This bill, according to the petition, was submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its approval and was then forwarded to the Comptroller for certification. Mr. Swann states the latter has failed to certify to the bill in his judgment it is equitable and proper for the city to pay. The argument on the application has been set down for October 21.

CHORUS GIRLS BRING MANAGER TO GRIEF

Bardell Missing From Rehearsal for Which They Paid.

Joseph Bardell of 939 Washington Avenue, The Bronx, who said he was on the legitimate stage before he branched out for himself as a theatrical manager, was taken to the Morrisania police station last night after having disappeared from the rehearsal of a chorus of young women who aspired to lead a dancing chorus and young women who imagined their claims deserved the publicity of a stage career.

The police expect about 200 persons in court to-day when Bardell is arraigned. Samuel Weisberg, 24, of 718 Kelly Street, The Bronx, made the formal complaint, although he said he represented a group of twenty who reported early on Monday morning in January at Bryant Hotel, that they had been deceived by a road production, and found Bardell, a prospective manager, missing. Weisberg told the police the budding stage lights exchanged experience, and found that each had paid Bardell \$15.00 for enrollment in the company.

Bardell is charged with using the mails to defraud. He was arrested by Howard Mayhew, a post office inspector, and a detective of the East 126th street police station. William J. Pennell of 462 Seventh Avenue told the police he had paid Bardell \$15.00 to be taken in his partnership early this year, but Bardell shortly after disappeared.

POLICE TRAP MURDER SUSPECT

John Kenny, 27, of 24 East Broadway, or whom the police had been looking since October 13, 1917, on the charge of killing Thomas Farrell, a city fireman, was arrested yesterday on a Brooklyn pier by detectives from the Beach street station, and held without bail for trial. He has been indicted for first degree murder. The shooting followed an argument in a cafe at Housatonic and Washington streets just as Farrell extended his hand in apology, it said.

"Housatonic as a Country Minister." A story about the late President, which was the first prize in a contest. Read it in To-morrow's Sun.

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James Frank Says Apartments Just About Pay.

James Frank, vice-president of the Real Estate Association of the State of New York and chairman of its sixteenth annual convention at the McAlpin Hotel, yesterday blamed the law designed to prevent non-delivery of title upon completion of installment purchases of real estate, passed at the last session of the Legislature, for a considerable share of the dearth of dwelling construction in New York city and vicinity. At the same time, he said rents in New York city are not exorbitant, recent experience of diligent rent players to the contrary notwithstanding.

"There is a great deal of exaggeration in the matter of rent charges in this city," he said. "As a matter of experience, I know the people who own apartment houses in New York—the average apartment house up to three years ago—pretty much failed to pay the carrying charges on those apartment houses. The cost in the operation of the houses has gone up tremendously, but the real estate people are for the first time obtaining a return on their property which enables them to make it a liquid asset."

The act aimed against abuses in matter of installment sales contracts, through its clause calling for deposits against payments on mortgages, conducted from New York much capital otherwise destined of investing in building operations here, he said.

Herbert H. K. Twitchell, president of the Chemical National Bank of New York, urged upon the delegates the possibilities of community development. "While in these days of complex life," he said, "each man has to look after his own interests very carefully, it is clear that it is to the best interest of the business to have a regard for community life and expansion."

Others who spoke at the morning session were Richard T. Childs, Alfred H. Wagg, James Stryker and Herbert H. S. Wagg of New York, Thomas A. McWiney of Lawrence, N. J., and C. A. Hills of Syracuse.

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THE WESTERN WORLD WAS FOUND AND ITS INSTITUTIONS BEGUN

by men who believed in things unseen.

The Mayflower followed the Santa Maria.

The discovery of floating branches and trunks of fallen trees encouraged Commander Columbus. Faith and fortitude, and a prolonged belief in Divine leading, brought the band of Pilgrims led by John Carver, John Alden, William Bradford and Isaac Allerton.

The influence and the labors of others, to us unseen, are perfecting inventions and working out policies of commerce, finance, and statesmanship for the betterment of the world.

So is it almost always that men must be hammered into shape to fit into the improved city and its enterprises.

[Signed]

John Wanamaker

October 18, 1919

SWEETS

Saturday Specials

Hard candy, in all the good old-fashioned flavors, 50c lb. And the "luscious" gum drops, assorted, at 60c a pound.

Eighth Gallery, Down-Stairs Store and Street floor, New Building, Old Building.

SPECIALS FOR TODAY

Fox Scarfs \$25 to \$38

Our \$37.50 to \$50 grades

Taupe, brown and black. Second floor, Old Building.

Women's Gloves, \$1.95 pr.

1,320 prs. 1-class capekin, gray and tan.

1,922 prs. 2-class French lambkin, overseam; white, taupe, gray, tan.

Main floor, Old Building.

Corsets at \$1 and \$1.50—

At \$1.50—one fancy batiste model with low waist line and elastic top; in pink.

At \$1—one pink fancy batiste model with elastic gorges.

Main Aisle, Old Building.

Veiling, 25c yard—35c and 50c grades. Brown, navy blue, black and taupe. Square; plain, octagon and filet meshes. Some all plain; some having chenille dot or scroll designs.

Colored handkerchiefs for women, 15c. Smart little cotton handkerchiefs in pinks, blues, and other colors; with checkered and striped designs or in solid colors. Some with white centers and colored borders. Ever so many likeable ones.

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The store that reflects the good taste of New York

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Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co.
Broadway at Ninth, New York.
Store Hours, 9 to 5.30.

Good morning!
This is October 18.
The weather to-day probably will be fair.

Boys' Suits

Special for Today

\$13.50 to \$16.50

The quantity is not very large, so we can't say much more than that a very economical purchase may be made while the lot lasts.

Norfolk style with TWO pairs knickers

All-wool materials in brown, gray and green, with the popular waist-line and belt. A good-looking, serviceable suit for school wear.

KNITTED SUITS—the season's popular style

Our artist has sketched the suit, worn either middy style or blouse effect. They're heather mixed in regulation style with white braid on collar, cuffs, crest on sleeve and whistle with cord. Have draw-string in waist.

An attractive suit, liked by boys and satisfactory to parents. Sizes 8 to 10 yrs.; price, \$13.50.

The first "longers" have style and quality—\$49.50

(Price includes two pairs of trousers.)

We purchased this small lot of long-trouser suits for youths at a specially low price and marked them accordingly. With the mature smartness that the youth demands but with the youthfulness that his age demands. This is a combination of suitability and good value that is very happy. Mostly plain double-breasted style in brown, blue and gray flannel. Sizes 33 to 38. Two pairs of trousers.

Second floor, Old Building.

For Miss 6 to 14

Velveteen Frocks

Frocks at \$19.75 have detachable guimpes of pongee—think of it! Girls adore the style and their mothers highly approve of the detachable guimpes. Model illustrated.

In wine color, brown, navy blue or black.

Our artist has also sketched the model at \$25, as it is a bit difficult to describe its charming simplicity. Mock fastening at side of bodice is worked out in tiny nickel ball buttons and was looped of braid; real fastening in back is invisible. In green, black or navy blue.

Washable Frocks, \$5.75

Gingham in rainbow stripes and fine checks. Beautiful materials. Also one model in chambray combined with checked gingham. Cross stitching and buttonhole stitching are among the simple, effective trimmings.

Second floor, Old Building.

For Miss 2 to 6—many good coats

Boysish tailored models, double-breasted with raglan sleeves; short-waisted empire models; rough materials and smooth; fur-trimmed and plain; every style one could think of. \$10.50 to \$50.

Special for Today

Coats of wool velour, short waisted, in burgundy and brown. Very good and warm—a practical, moderately-priced coat, \$16.95.

Two excellent broadcloth models at \$19.50, for little girls; a short-waisted style with fur collar, in blue and brown; and a quaint charming model; belted around the front, in Russian blue, green and burgundy.

A fine cashmere coat for babies in long, one and two year sizes; silk lined and hand-embroidered; only \$13.95

Velour Sailor Hats with "string" ribbon bands—\$7.50 and \$8.95.

Third floor, Old Building.

Example of women's Shoes we are selling at \$10 pair

Large stocks

There are seven styles of boots—black kidskin, black calfskin and tan calfskin, and the same leathers with cloth tops—2 styles of oxfords, both tan calfskin, wing tips—4 styles of pumps with Louis XV. heels—dull black, patent leather, bronze kid and black cat. All \$10 pair.

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